

REMARKS

The examiner is thanked for the Official Action mailed December 13, 2007. This Amendment and Request for Reconsideration is intended to be fully responsive thereto.

Claims 1-8, 10-18 and 20-21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Young et al. (USP 4,528,470). This rejection is respectfully traversed in view of the foregoing amendments and the following comments.

Amended claim 1 recites one arrangement and aspect of the present invention whereby the support (16) is non-rotatable coupled to the housing (15) in an unmoveable manner to define a connection interface. Young et al. '470, on the other hand, discloses a planetary gear carrier (18) that is moveable in rotation relative to the outer gear (19) and element (16). Thus, Young et al. '470 fails to teach or render obvious the structural arrangement of amended claim 1.

New claim 9 recites an arrangement of the present invention where the support (16) is in permanent contact with the housing (15). Young et al. '470 discloses a planetary gear carrier (18) that is not in permanent contact with the element (16). Thus, Young et al. '470 fails to teach or render obvious the structural arrangement of amended claim 1.

Applicant respectfully submits that the outstanding rejections and objections are overcome by the foregoing amendment and notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. Should the examiner believe that issues may be resolved through direct communication, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned representative for the applicant.

No additional fees are believed due; however, please charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0548 to maintain the pendency of this application.

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